

#### We are here to help you navigate the Tempe PRE program.

Please contact us for assistance 480-858-7735 Pre-k@tempe.gov

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#### **Back to School Reminders:**

- \*School breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided by Tempe PRE. If you choose to pack a lunch for your child, please send it in a disposable bag and not a lunchbox.
- \*Bring a labeled change of clothes & shoes for your child in a disposable bag in case of messes or accidents during the day.
- \*Blankets for naptime should be sent in a labeled disposable bag and will be sent home weekly for laundering.
- \*No backpacks or personal bags should be brought to school. Each child will be given a personal space for their belongings.
- \*Regular attendance is important as your child returns to school. It creates a consistent schedule and routine to help them transition back to the classroom. We will not be offering modified schedules.

# **Getting Ready for School**

(in-person!)

We are looking forward to opening up all of our Tempe PRE classrooms beginning on **Tuesday**, **October 13**<sup>th</sup> for in-person classes and we want to provide you with the most current and updated information possible to make this modified school year a success for you and your child.

We know that you may have some questions or concerns, and we want to help so that you feel comfortable and informed.

Please take just a few moments to read through this month's newsletter so you have all the information necessary for a GREAT YEAR WITH TEMPE PRE!

"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."

Fred Rogers



### **Healthy Kids and Healthy Classrooms**

In the event your child is not feeling well, please be sure to keep them home from school and notify your school front office of their absence.

If your child becomes ill during the day, they will be sent to the school health office and you will be contacted to pick them up.

Our goal is to maintain healthy kids and healthy classrooms for all.



## Hats and Masks and "Breathing Breaks"

In each of our Tempe PRE classrooms, all children and teaching adults will be required to wear face covering throughout the day. Each child will be given an assigned hat with a face shield, or they will be given an assigned mask which will all be kept separately when not in use. We understand that these face coverings can be a bother for our little ones, so during the day they can take a "breathing break" and remove their face covering in an area set aside from others for just a few minutes. This will help relieve struggles and give children a sense of controlling their own feelings. Face coverings outdoors will only be necessary when children are playing closely together in small groups.



# Adults in the Classroom

To maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone, the only adults that will be allowed in the Tempe PRE classrooms will be the Lead Teachers and Instructional Assistants (school staff). Families will be asked to drop off and pick up students outside of the classroom.

Thank you in advance for your understanding!

## **Tempe PRE - Important Dates**

- Tuesday, October 13, 2020: Tempe PRE Camp, In-person classes resume without extended care.
- Extended care will be available for registered children on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Fridays: EARLY RELEASE (weekly)

Please visit Tempe PRE website to determine drop off and pick up times daily!